

Leath Receives Research Award

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Dr. Kenneth T. Leath, USDA Research Pasture Lab, Penn State University, has been selected by the Certified Alfalfa Seed Council as the Research Award winner for its 1994 Alfalfa Awards Program. The selection was announced by Council President Dean Urmston, W-L Research, Inc., at the 24th National Alfalfa Symposium held recently in Springfield, Ill.

The objectives of the Alfalfa Awards Program are:

- Recognize excellence among producers in the production and utilization of alfalfa.
- Recognize excellence in alfalfa promotion, research, and development and education.
- Recognize individuals who have made special contributions to the alfalfa industry.
- Promote and publicize alfalfa for its many merits in animal agriculture and as a profit crop.

Four categories were considered for awards: outstanding alfalfa producer awards from four regions of the United States, Alfalfa

Extension Award for those in teaching or extension at the university or county level, Alfalfa Industry Award for individuals employed in various aspects of private industry, and Alfalfa Research Award for workers in all areas of alfalfa research.

Leath is the research plant pathologist and lead scientist on the nonchemical control of forage pests at the U.S. Regional Pasture Laboratory, University Park. Through his 26 years of dedicated service to the improvement of alfalfa, he is acknowledged as not only an authority on alfalfa diseases, but as an adviser and mentor for many alfalfa pathologists around the world.

He has written more than 100 research papers and numerous book chapters dealing with various aspects of alfalfa diseases and forage production.

Leath also is a tremendous contributor to the alfalfa industry through his participation in company seminars, symposia, training programs, and field days. He

shares his research findings and experience with industry and producers through articles in various agricultural publications, as well as television and radio programs.

Leath contributes to the alfalfa industry in other ways. He maintains a collection of more than 1,500 fungal cultures, which he makes available to the seed industry for use in alfalfa selection programs. He also provides advice to alfalfa breeders on disease screening and has characterized more than 1,000 alfalfa lines for their resistance to foliar diseases.

Other winners include:

- Extension Award - Dr. Harlan E. White, Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences Dept., Virginia Tech.

- Industry Award - Dr. Bill Knipe, Forage Genetics, Inc., Nampa, Idaho.

- Producer Awards - north central region, Paul Meyer, West Point, Neb.; northeastern region, Tom Trinder, Fabius, N.Y.; southern region, Dane Mercer, Sweetwater, Tenn.; and western region, Casey Epler, Hillsdale, Wyo.



Dr. Kenneth T. Leath, USDA Research Pasture Lab, Penn State University, left, receives a plaque as the Research Award winner for the Certified Alfalfa Seed Council's 1994 Alfalfa Awards Program. The presentation was made by Dean Urmston, Certified Alfalfa Seed Council president.

Booklet To Help Small Flock Owners

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Edward T. Mallinson, veterinary medicine, at University of Maryland, and T. Milton Nelson, distance education, are co-authors of a new brochure titled "Good Neighbors — a Health Program for Small and Specialty Poultry Flocks."

The brochure was published by the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Extension (MACE) Poultry Health and Management Unit.

MACE is an amalgamation of avian health and information professionals associated with land-grant universities in seven states, state departments of agriculture in

four states, and ES-USDA.

"Good Neighbors" is intended for wide distribution to owners of small and specialty flocks, including game birds, waterfowl, turkeys, ratites, and purebreds. Feed stores will be a primary distribution point for the 10,000 brochures.

The publication's aim is to educate its readers on the importance of biosecurity in order to prevent the introduction and spread of serious diseases that could jeopardize the commercial poultry industry. The Delmarva broiler industry alone accounts for \$1.3 billion in annual revenue.

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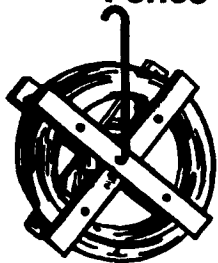
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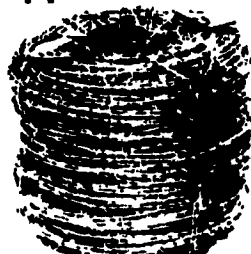
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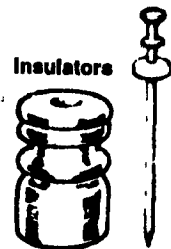
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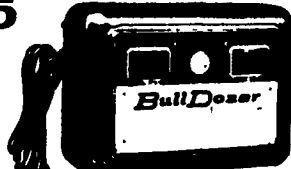


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